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AB-116U

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Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Todd K. Whitehurst, entitled Fully Implantable Miniature Neurostimulator for Vagus Nerve Stimulation, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

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